

Siân Berry MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear Jess (cc Gill),

Fire risk assessments - public availability.

I'm just writing in relation to fire risk assessments (FRAs) being available to tenants online.

Following the devastating Grenfell tragedy, one action I took was to push councils to publish FRAs and remove barriers to tenants being able to access information about the safety of their homes. My 2017 letter to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on this issue can be found [here](#); and their response can be found [here](#). As you will see, the Commissioner makes clear their view that local authorities should be readily publishing this information so it is accessible to residents.

My understanding is that at present Brighton and Hove City Council does not publish copies of fire risk assessments online. This is something that former MP raised with the council in June 2023, noting that whilst FRAs had been available online previously (around 2019), this was no longer the case. In the response that Caroline received in June 2023, she was told that: *"We are currently updating our online and web presence and there has been a delay in finalising this, we will ensure these are published."*, yet I cannot see this information is now online. A quick search leads to [this page](#), but as you will see, it does not include copies of FRAs, and it only has limited details listing blocks, and the dates FRAs were last undertaken, not copies. Please would you confirm whether this is correct, and if not, send me a link to the page where it is possible to access copies of FRAs for council-owned blocks in the city.

If BHCC does still not publish FRAs online, please would you commit to doing this without further delay, and provide an explanation for this not happening sooner after the response from BHCC over a year ago confirming the information would be published.

Would you also confirm whether the program to replace the 2,400 Manse Mastadors is on schedule to be completed this year, as I have a note that the target completion date is 2024, and I would like to be clear on the current position with this and whether the work is on track.

I'm also currently waiting for an update on some specific points raised with Martin Reid in my message sent on the 30 July about measures in large panel system (LPS) blocks. However, I understand it has recently been announced that BHCC has now recruited a new Corporate Director for Housing, Care and Wellbeing, Genette Laws - would you be able to let me know when they will be in situ, and the best email address to reach them on.

In the meantime, if you are able to get back to me directly, or direct my enquiry to the officer best placed to respond, it would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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